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U.S. Patent Serial No.: 10/034,231  
Filing Date: December 27, 2001  
Examiner: Debbie M. Le  
Group No.: 2177  
Confirmation No.: 9097  
Title: *System and Method for Compiling and Displaying a Pruned Information Set*

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For reasons set forth below, **it is respectfully requested that the PTO file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Debbie M. Le**, for confirmation that the references listed on PTO-1449 attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 6, 2004 have been considered.

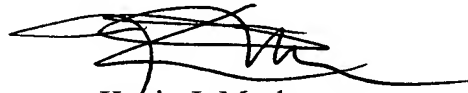
On April 6, 2004 Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with PTO-1449 form (1 page) attached, listing the references submitted for consideration. Copies of the cited references were also included. This IDS was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 6, 2004 as shown on the returned, date-stamped postcard, copy of which is attached. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and the cited references filed April 6, 2004 is enclosed.

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An Office Action for this application was mailed on April 16, 2004. However, Examiner Le has not returned a copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 6, 2004.

Accordingly, **Applicant hereby requests confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.** Examiner Le is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

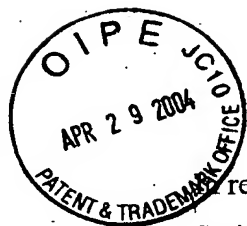
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Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No representation is made that a search has been made, that the references are material to the patentability of the present application, or that the references qualify as prior art. The items contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**REMARKS**

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) before the issuance of a first Office Action and, therefore, no fee is believed to be due. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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